



Rayford Self King

May 21, 1932 - January 5, 2018

Rayford Self King passed peacefully into the arms of his Savior on January 5, 2018. Preceding him - wife Carolyn Elaine (Hall) King and daughter Valerie Jean Murphy, brothers Albert (Jr.) King and Pete King. He is survived by his children Miriam Kelmers and Ben, Kim Smith, Matt King and Terra, son-in-law Mike Murphy, sisters Teresa McNair, Mary Jo Schmidt, and Margaret Sorrow, 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Rayford was an Air Force veteran, stationed in Okinawa during the Korean Conflict. He had a long career with IBM, working at Los Alamos and Oak Ridge National Labs. After 30 years with IBM, he worked for 10 years for TVA. He spent his retirement years helping his wife Elaine with doll making, loving grandchildren, and traveling. Rayford loved his family, taking great pleasure in spending time with them. He loved children and held a special place in his heart for them. He will be remembered fondly for his loving smile and booming laugh. Special thanks to Ryan King and Mike Murphy for the loving care they showed Rayford during his last months. Funeral 5pm Wednesday, January 10, 2018 in the Kyker Chapel. Burial 3pm Thursday at Piney Cemetery in Oakdale with Military Honors by the Roane County Military Memorial Honor Guard. The family will receive friends from 4 until 5pm Wednesday at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Burial

JAN 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

Piney Cemetery
Oakdale, TN 37829

Tribute Wall

KG

“ *Im so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family.*

Kahra and John Gilley

Kahra Gilley - January 10, 2018 at 02:48 PM

LH

“ *My mother Helen sooooo adored Rayford. After she passed away, RAYFORD even still kept in touch with us. He even sent us our anscestry for the Seld side and my fathers side which was so malng to receive. I have shared it with the whole family and my kids and wil always be so thankful to have loved and know my cousin RAYFORD. — Lisa Hanshew*

Lisa Hanshew - January 09, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rayford Self King.*



January 09, 2018 at 12:53 PM

LC

“ *Livingston First Church purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Rayford Self King.*



Livingston First Church - January 08, 2018 at 03:44 PM

RY

“ Rachel & David Yoder purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Rayford Self King.



Rachel & David Yoder - January 08, 2018 at 03:01 PM

RK

“ My name is Ryan King. Rayford King was my Papaw, best friend, among many other things. I miss you Papaw. I know where you are now and I know I will see you again. The selfish part of me wishes you were still here, but I know u are no longer in pain and I am thankful for that. I love you, I miss you and I always will. You were my rock, my hero, my Papaw, and my best friend. I will see you on the other side . Thank you for everything. I love you

Ryan King - January 08, 2018 at 12:40 PM

MB

“ Mary Jo Schmidt, Tracie Scheuerl&Robbie Bryant purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Rayford Self King.



Mary Jo Schmidt, Tracie Scheuerl&Robbie Bryant - January 08, 2018 at 12:29 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rayford Self King.



January 08, 2018 at 09:20 AM

EP

“ So sorry for your loss.

Everett and Carol (Crowe) Phillips - January 08, 2018 at 12:26 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Rayford Self King.



January 07, 2018 at 01:28 PM